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Student survey: Finish job in Iraq

By Cole Bowman
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In the year since the War in Iraq began, many American's lives have been changed. Friends and family serving in the war and their own shifting political views are among students' reactions to the war.

Architecture major Ricky Andrews, 20, from Longview said the war has opened his eyes to how war affects not only those here, but also the innocent citizens of Iraq.

Electrical engineering major Sohail Ahmed from Pakistan said the war affects him because of his ethnicity.

Sara Magee, 20, an art major from Lufkin, said the war has made her think the U.S. government is a mess.

Business major Jesse Pennington from Liberty said the war has led him to become more interested and involved in our government's decisions.

Environmental science major Chris Knight from Bullard said the war has depressed him because people his age and some younger are dying there.

A few students said they are dismayed by rising gas prices due to the war. Many others said they are not directly affected.

Most say having friends, family or even themselves serving in the War has the strongest impact.

Rachel Reeves, an architecture major from Mabank, said her friend, serving in Iraq, is now in critical condition. He was driving a Hummer when it was fired on and he was the only survivor.

Donica Harris, from Arp, said her sister is fighting in the war.

Journalism major Ashley Whittington said she has many friends and an ex-boyfriend who are currently serving Iraq.

Advertising major Phillip Walls from Tyler said two friends were injured in the War.

In the year since the war began have U.S. attacks been effective? Many students said "yes" because Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussien has been captured and the nation has been liberated. Others said "no" because many of our personnel have died, innocent lives have been lost and no weapons of mass destruction have been found.

Students are torn by of continued U.S. troops fighting in Iraq.

Education major Erin Taylor of Grand Saline said she supports them because they are "putting their lives on the line for us."

Jennifer Sturges, a diction counseling major from Irving, said she does not support continued troops, because she lost a cousin in the war. She doesn't

want to lose more.

Divinity major Keith Brown from Tyler, said he supports continued troops, because we don't need to leave Iraq in chaos. They need some sort of government, he said.

Valerie Stine, a business major from Tulsa, said she supports continued troops because what we are doing in Iraq has prevented mass killings and future attacks. U.S. involvement has given the Iraqi people more freedom.

Pre-med major Jordan Owens from Tyler, said he does not support continued troops there because, "we have done all we can do. The Iraqis need to take over the rebuilding of their nation."

Most students surveyed agreed that it is not time yet for U.S. personnel to leave Iraq, because we have unfinished business, and we need to help rebuild the nation.

36 students to be listed in 2004 'Who's Who'

By Johnathan Pritchard
Staff Writer

Thirty-six TJC students have been selected to appear in the 2004 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

TJC students named in this edition are:

Jason Beaton, Judson Bibby, Collin Blood, Nahogany Brown, Michael Colvin, Megan Cotter, Coy

Crenshaw, Jamie Davison, Joshua Dickerson, Daniel Edson, Cody Ellis and Jordan Freitas.

Others are: Hannah Giles, Amanda Gilliam, Mark Growcott, Russell Harmon, Richard Hill, Jeremy Hubbard, James Hudiburgh, Annie Lan, Stephen McKeown, Jonathan Mercer, Jessica Nemnich and Amber Pippin.

Also selected are: Brandi Richardson, Maria Rosero, Anna Saunders, Henry Schreiber, Scott Segner, Iris Shultz, Corrynn Stamp, Faith Stiffler, Charles Weston, Lauren Whatley, Ben Williams, Casey Worthen.

"Who's Who Among Students" claims to be "one of the most highly-regarded and long-standing honors programs in the nation," according to their website.

Students are chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They are nominated by campus faculty and selected by editors of the annual directory.

The directory, first published in 1966, now includes students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in the U.S., the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

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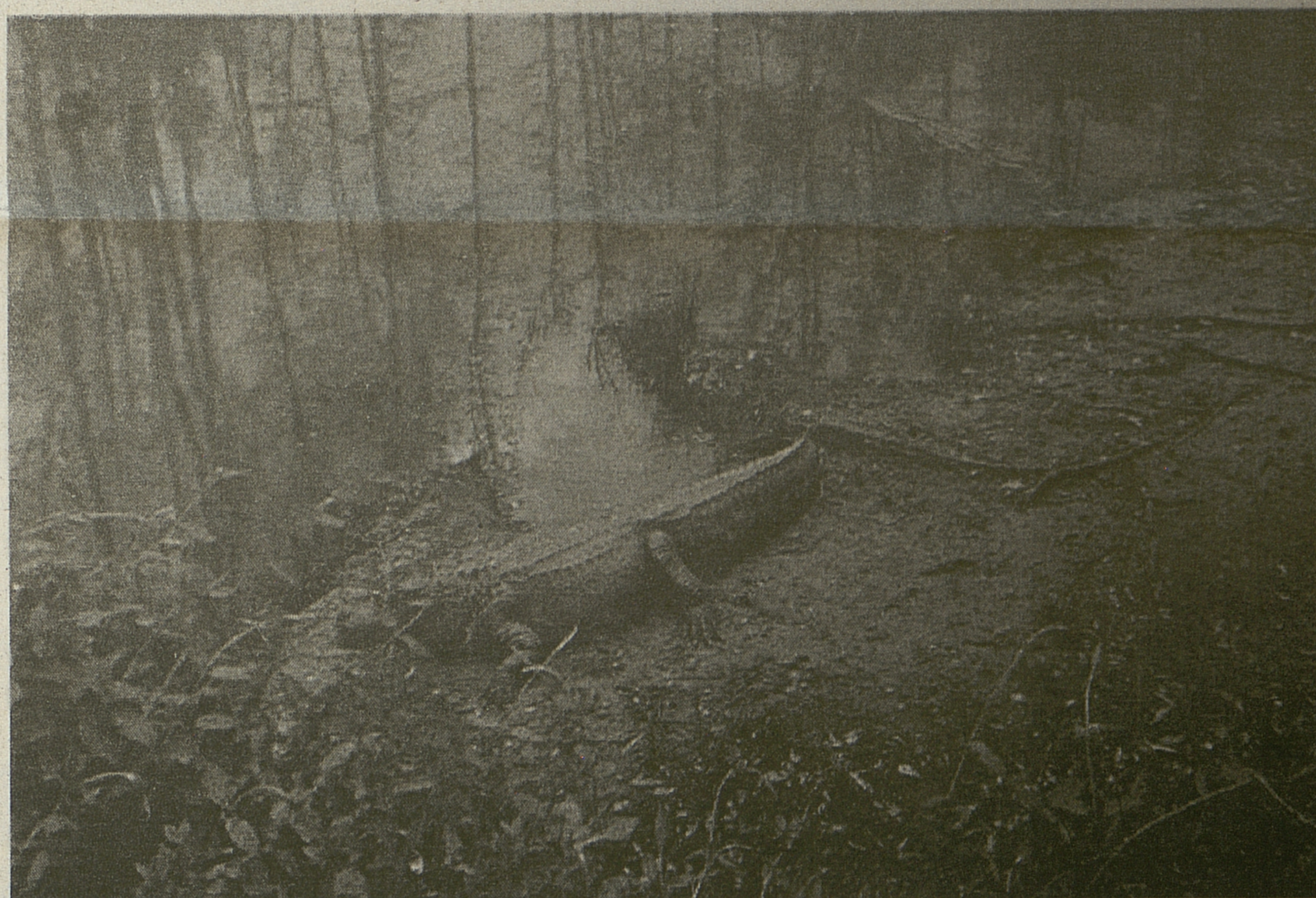
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LAZY LIZARDS— Alligators lounge in the sun at Caldwell Zoo. The Zoo is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day at the corner of Gentry Parkway and Martin Luther King Drive.

Zoo provides wild taste

James Talley
Staff Writer

Caldwell Zoo offers East Texans the chance to view exotic animals in their own setting.

The Zoo, 85 acres of land just north of Gentry Parkway, is divided into different zoogeographic areas. Some 1,100 birds, reptiles and mammals, all arranged in their natural habitats, represent three geographic areas: North America, South America and Africa.

Africa is represented by many exotic animals. Lions, cheetahs and giraffes are just a few that visitors can see at the Zoo.

Several well-known animals of South and North America are leopards, cougars, snakes and alligators.

The Zoo also has over 10,000 African cichlids, a type of fish, all in underwater environments like one would find in the wild.

"We offer a broad, interesting, and educational experience," Visitor Services Director, Mike Tucker, said.

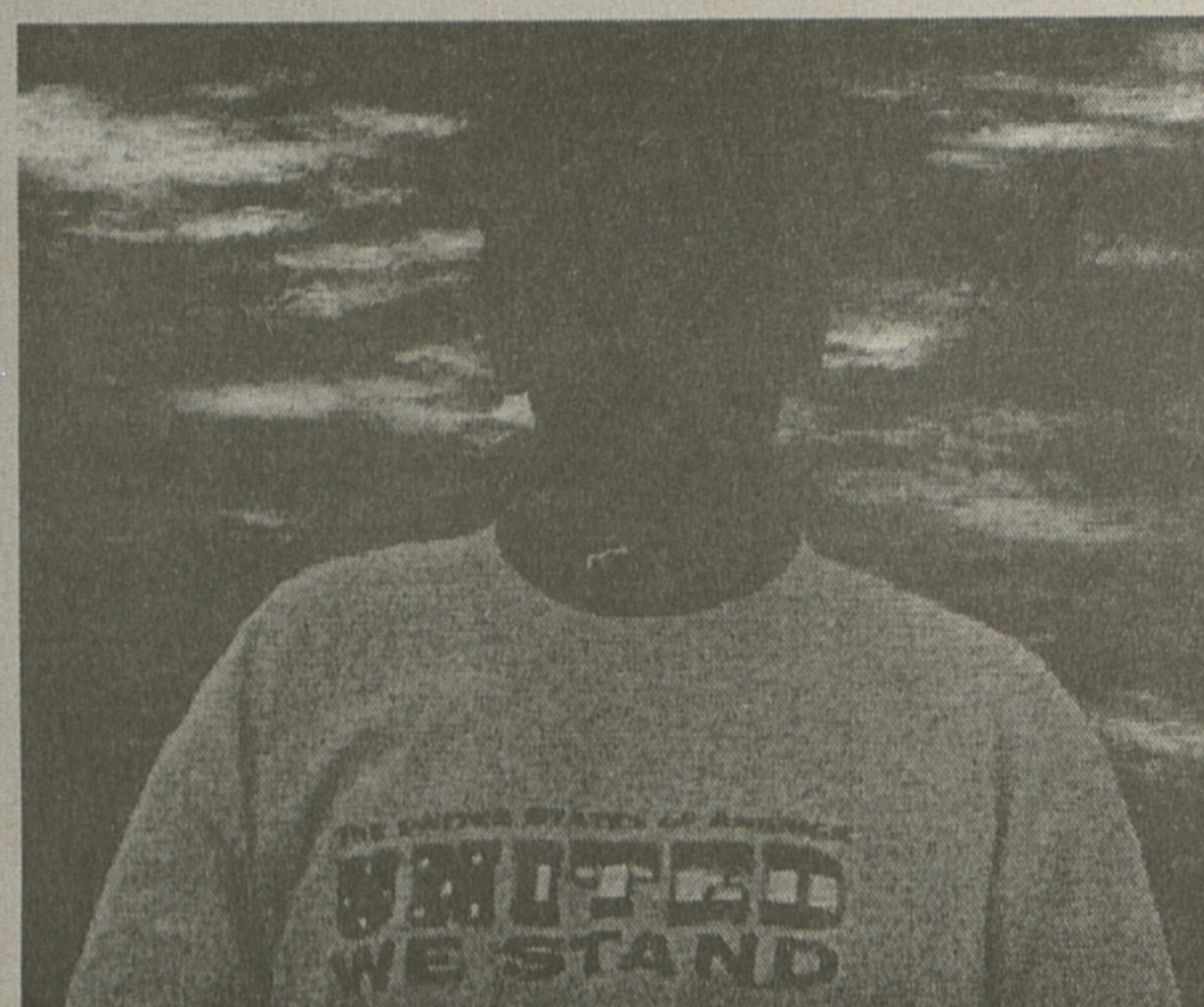
The Zoo employs 100 persons year round. Their job descriptions range from maintenance to groundskeepers. Of these people, 40 make direct contact with animals.

Tucker said, "We hire about 50-60 people in the spring to handle the steady rush of visitors."

Admission costs: \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 55-older, \$3.50 for kids 3-12 and free for kids 2 and under. Year round passes are available.

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How has the War in Iraq affected you?

Jonathan Hubbard, 17, from Fairbanks, Alaska, said, "The war has affected the way I think. I agree with President Bush's decisions. I have a lot of friends over there and am glad that not many people have been hurt."



Miles Kirst, 19, from California, said, "My cousin, Derek, is in Iraq. The war has caused him to appreciate his family more and has caused me to think more about the human side of the people fighting in the war."



Elbert Kendrick, 52, from Tyler said, "My nephew is in a unit that has been attacked many times. Several people in his unit have been shot but he has been lucky. I don't like the fact that his tour of duty has been extended."



Kevin Huse, 20, from Chapel Hill, said, "It's a good cause, but it won't last. I agree with what President Bush is doing but I don't believe anyone else will continue the fight when he is gone."

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Week traveling in England increases affection for home

By Chrissy Reneau
Staff Writer

Whoever said, "There's no place like home" was one clever person. I finally visited England during spring break, a trip I have coveted for years. England is a great place to visit, but it's certainly not home.

After arriving at London's Heathrow Airport, my first shock was discovering I had far less money than I thought to cover my expenses. The foreign currency exchange agent chuckled at my dismay as I learned my American dollar was worth half of one British pound. I rallied my spirits and determined to enjoy England and all its diversions the best I could.

My mother and I settled in at the bed and breakfast where our hostess, Bridget Collins, welcomed us with traditional tea and scones. She was a pleasant surprise.

We saw the famous places: Big Ben, Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Kensington Palace, Windsor Castle, the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. Our London guide, both informative and comical, revealed centuries of history, explained beautiful architecture and told of scandalous power struggles.

We spent days sightseeing and shopping at London street markets. This ordinarily enjoyable activity became exhausting as we shuffled in

and out of underground trains and tour buses, the wind slapping our faces.

We visited the famous Harrods, Covent Garden, the street markets at Oxford Street, Knotting Hill, Carnaby Street and Camden Road. Our first purchases were a warm scarf and gloves to shield us a little more from the cold.

Every trip to England should include the traditional fish and chips meal, which we enjoyed with lots of warm tea, scones and other delicious sweets. We skipped some other traditions — lamb's liver and black pudding created from cow's blood and spices.

We spent two days sightseeing in the English countryside. The massive rolling hills covered with multitudes of sheep, and the prehistoric images of horses carved in these hills were spectacular.

My favorites were excursions to Kent, Wiltshire and Somerset counties. We toured castles, ate in a 13th century inn overlooking the white cliffs of Dover, toured famous Canterbury Cathedral and cruised on the Thames River.

We also visited the Roman baths in Bath, where the remains of a Roman temple from first century A.D. lie. The baths are a hot springs phenomenon where Roman emperors once swam.

Unspoiled villages, such as Lacock and Castle Coombe, look as if they have not been touched for centuries. Great Britain's strict regulations have kept many of these villages virtually unchanged. Lacock has been used in the films, "Pride and Prejudice" and both Harry Potter movies.

My last full day in London was special. I stepped inside the bookstore Hugh Grant's character owned in the film, "Knotting Hill," and thumbed through old, uninteresting books.

My mother and I spent the evening at Westminster Abbey, listening to the angelic voices of the boys' choir. I found the experience moving and unforgettable, sitting near tombs of kings, queens and famous people like William Shakespeare.

I enjoyed my trip to England, but I was also glad when Saturday morning arrived, and we said goodbye to our gracious hostess. Even missing our flight home because of delays on the train did not matter. We enthusiastically boarded the next available flight to JFK Airport in New York and then on to DFW Airport.

Our hearts rejoiced when we entered our nation again, thrilled to see people driving on the right side of the road. I'll miss the Queen, but it's great to know a cup of coffee actually costs \$1, not \$2 because of the exchange rate!

Faculty choose 3 grads

Chrissy Reneau
Staff Writer

Three graduating students were recently elected by faculty and staff for outstanding student awards.

Business Major Judson Bibby and General Studies Major Lori Beth Melton won the Rotary Young Citizens Awards. These awards are given to the man and woman who exhibits these personal qualities: cleanliness, dependability, service, honesty, courtesy, loyalty, leadership, thriftiness, sportsmanship and scholarship.

Bibby is a Phi Theta Kappa member, Presidential Scholar and plays on the Apache Baseball Team. He plans to attend Baylor University in the fall.

Melton works on campus and sings in the A Cappella Choir. She plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall.

Pre-dental major Jason Beaton won the Watson W. Wise Incentive Award. This \$300 award and trophy go to the student who demonstrates the best in the virtues of industry, scholarship and student activities and plans to attend a senior college in the fall 2004 semester.

Beaton is an Eagle Scout, life-guard, a Phi Theta Kappa member and Presidential Scholar. He plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall.

All three students will be recognized at graduation in May for their outstanding achievements.

Financial aid workshop can ease application process

By Aaron May
Page Editor

TJC's financial aid staff will conduct a financial assistance workshop at 6:30 p.m. April 22 in the Apache Room of Rogers Student Center. This two-hour workshop will give participants an overview of the financial aid process as well as offer a step-by-step guide through the FAFSA paperwork.

Devon Wiggins, student financial aid and scholarships director, said the main goal of the workshops is to encourage students to apply for financial aid early rather than waiting until the last minute.

The workshop is free and no res-

ervations are required. Those applying for financial aid should bring their 2003 W-2, 1040 tax forms and statements for untaxed income such as child support and social security. Dependent students should also have their parents' tax and income statements.

For more information, contact the TJC Financial Aid and Scholarships office at 903-510-2385 or visit <http://finaid.tjc.edu>.

Everyone who plans to apply for financial assistance for the fall semester should submit completed financial forms as soon as possible, Wiggins said.

2 reach semi-finals in voice contest

By Johnathan Pritchard
Staff Writer

Two A Cappella Choir members, Sacramento Arellano of Tyler and Courtney Kelly of Mesquite advanced to semi-finals in voice teachers' awards March 28.

Arellano competed in the lower college IV male division and Kelly in the lower college III female division. Each competed against about 25 other college students at the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.

Their music instructor Andrea Trent entered them in the competition at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

These students have studied voice at the college level for one or two semesters.

To prepare, these students rehearsed almost every day, both on their own time and in regular class time with their accompanist Josh Allen. Allen, a former TJC student, is studying music at University of Texas at Tyler.

Students sang three solos for a three-judge panel in an auditorium. In the audience were other students competitors.

Judges look for tone quality, accurate diction and professional stage presence, Trent said.

In the preliminary round judges will look for an "exceptional performance worthy of competition," Trent said. She also judged at the competition.

First prize for the lower college classical division was the Betty Utter Award which includes \$100 and a "certificate worthy of framing."

Other winners received a certificate and \$20 gift certificate from an area music store. Students who scored 90 percent or higher received a certificate.

Campus Briefs

International Day to present cultures

The 14th annual International Day April 20 will present culture of more than 50 countries. Students will demonstrate with food, music, dances, exhibits and arts and crafts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Apache Rooms of Rogers Student Center.

Entertainment will include bagpipers, African and Turkish music and dances, and a native dress fashion show. Food samples and drinks will be provided in addition to the pizza and coke.

For more information visit <http://socialscience.tjc.edu/mkho/iday/index.htm> or contact Government Instructor, Dr. Khosrowshahi at mkho@tjc.edu or 903-510-2279.

'Signs on Broadway' to open April 8

Faith Moguel
Page Editor

"Signs on Broadway," the Sign Language Club and Destiny Deaf Club show will open at 6:30 p.m. April 8 in Wise Auditorium. Voice interpreters will assist with the two-hour performances.

Tickets cost \$1. All TJC students and faculty with identification cards will be admitted free. Doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information call 903-510-2841 or 903-510-2249.

Astronomy Society starts series

The Public Astronomy Lecture Series and Star Parties at 7 p.m. will begin April 24 at Hudnall Planetarium. Other PALS lecture will be May 22, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 25, October 23, and November 20. Topics will vary, Planetarium Director Tom Hooten said.

Academic and scientific experts and professionals will present information

about recent events and discoveries in astronomy and space science.

Visitors can view the night sky at a Star Party after each lecture. They can use both telescopes and the naked-eye, Hooten said. Astronomical Society members will answer questions and discuss topics of interest.

Admission costs \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior adults.

For more information contact Hooten at thoo@tjc.edu or Bonnie Purser at 903-510-2548.

TRIO reschedules 2 workshops

Two TRIO workshops have been rescheduled.

The College Transfer Workshop will meet at 3:30 p.m. April 20.

The Scholarship Application Workshop will meet at 5 p.m. April 20.

Both meet in Rogers Student Center 303, the Scholars' Academy. Each lasts one hour, TRIO adviser Donna Kachlic said.

Students to audition for music awards

Students can audition for music scholarships at 10 a.m. April 17 in Wise Cultural Arts 201.

Students must complete an application for joining the school choir plus a letter of recommendation, an unofficial high school transcript and an audition request. For more information call 903-510-2213.

2 art shows open

Visitors can see two new exhibitions, titled "A Certain Playfulness: Selections from the Permanent Collection," and "Highlights of Recent Acquisitions," at the Tyler Museum of Art through April 25.

The Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday from and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Soccer team sign-up begins

Matthieu Chanard
Staff writer

Those who love soccer can register their teams until April 7, the deadline to sign up for the soccer intramurals. Team leaders must get a form in Student Activities Office in Rogers Student Center, 2nd floor and fill in the required information: team name, manager's name, days and times available to

play and roster of team players.

All players must be TJC students. The tournament is open for both women and men. Teams can be made of women only, men only or co-ed, with a maximum of 14 players each.

Competition will start April 12 with games at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

For more information, teams should send a representative to the meeting at 4 p.m. April 8 in Student Activities Office. For any questions, contact Recreational Services Coordinator Jamey Parsons at 903-510-2353.

Parsons said they need four teams at least to play the tournament. Last year five teams entered. At this point only one team did team did it.



Photo by Matthieu Chanard
Soccer Shirts— Recreational Services Coordinator Jamey Parsons shows the T-shirts to be worn by Intramural Soccer Teams. Signup ends April 7.

SHARE seeks host families

By Aaron May
Page Editor

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program seeks families to host an international student, ages 15 to 18 years old, for fall 2004 semester or the 2004-2005 academic year. Host families will provide a bed and meals as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a young person from one of 30-40 participating countries.

All students speak English and have their own insurance and spending money for personal expenses. They need to arrive in early Au-

gust so they can enroll in their new high school.

They will attend the high school or private school near their host family's home. Families can review student applications and select one to best match their family.

East Texas Coordinator Karen Franklin who has hosted students twice, plans to host another this year. She said she learned so much from the different cultures.

For more information, contact Franklin at 903-983-3442 or Yvette Coffman, SHARE southwest regional administrator at 1-800-941-3738 or visit www.sharesouthwest.org.

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